Instructors of Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga

3488. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the Senior Instructors of the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, New Delhi have been deputed to attend the Secretary and other senior bureaucrats of the Ministry at their residence;

(b) if so, whether hundreds of Yoga Sadhakas are facing many problems, both in morning and evening sessions in the absence of senior instructors;

(c) whether Government have received any complaint in this regard; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) The Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, New Delhi are conducting 6 Yoga classes a day for general public. Services of 12 instructors/research officers are required for conducting these classes. The institute has 16 such instructors/research officers on its roll. No class therefore has suffered on this account. Some instructors deputed earlier for providing conselling on curative yoga therapy are not being sent now.

(c) No, sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Sales Tax on blood

† 3489. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sales tax on blood is being charged in various private hospitals;

(b) if so, whether charging of the tax on blood is legal;

(c) if not, the number of such hospitals which are charging such tax illegally;

(d) the details of action taken against hospitals charging tax on blood, illegally; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.